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Applicant : Kenji HORII, et al.
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Examiner : Tran, Len
Docket No. : 056208.49487US
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Method of Bonding Metal Plates, Apparatus Therefor and Hot Strip Mill

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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

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Sir:

In response to the Decision of May 24, 2004 dismissing the Petition of April 8, 2004, Applicants are submitting herewith a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) which constitutes a proper Reply to the Final Patent Office Action of January 16, 2003.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the renewal and the granting of the Petition to Revive the above-identified application as this renewed Petition continues a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE).

Also enclosed herewith is another request for Change of Address in view of the improper denial of the previous change of address. It is be noted that the change of address contains the signature of at least four people who are attorneys of record at pages 2 and 3 of the change of address.

Also included is an Amendment and arguments responsive to the Final Patent Office Action. As indicated in the Decision on Petition of May 24, 2004, no

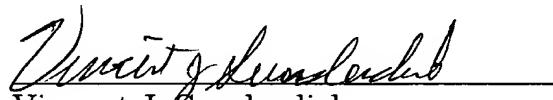
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fee is required for this renewed Petition. The other circumstances with respect to the Request for Petition to Revive the Unintentionally Abandoned Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) are contained in the Petition filed on April 8, 2004 and will not be repeated.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.49487US).

Respectfully submitted,



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